

## SEDONA KIND MINUTES September 20, 2019

ATTENDEES: Sandy Brandvold, Laurie Dawe, Joy Sinnott, Cheri Baldwin, Christine Schneider, Linda Brecher, Janet Marshall, Carol Wallen, Ruti Lovitt, Gloria Woody, Connie Levinson, Lenore Hemingway, Pam Hollenbach, Mary Ellen Hadley, Lucy Paradise, Heather Molans, Mary Feeney, Sandy Brandvold, Marcia Conley

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES: Lin Ennis, Lou Ann Bruck, Jill Jepson, Barbara Lewis

The meeting was called to order by Joy Sinnott. Joy asked first time attendees, new members and guests to introduce themselves, and she gave them a warm welcome.

Joy asked for kindness stories and several were given.

Janet said she would be giving a kindness talk on Sunday at the Human Library at Sedona Public Library.

Sandy reported that SedonaKind was awarded the Arizona Community Foundation Spirit Award for NPO of the Year! Katie Hamilton gave a fabulous acceptance speech at the award luncheon.

Pam said the School Supply Drive was a great success! Rick, the Staples Manager, was very engaged and gave each shopper a \$5 gift certificate to apply to their purchases. He also offered a great deal on headphones, so with donations of \$200.00 for school supplies, 12 were purchased. Pam and Lou Ann Scott delivered the supplies to the schools.

Pam reported that KIS now has a consistent schedule for reading at West Sedona School beginning October 2. New packaged earbuds are needed for the schools and can be dropped off at Remax. The West Sedona School Carnival is October 5. Items such as things for kids, families, decorating and the kitchen are needed for the fund-raising silent auction. Please take them to the school office ready to display.

Brenda, the principal at West Sedona School, said they wanted copies of our kindness books in their school library. Sedona Methodist Church donated \$500 to the school which will be used to purchase these books.

KIS will start reading at Oak Creek School this year. Oak Creek School is gathering old electronics as a fund raiser. Please drop off any cell phones, tablets, mP3s, ink cartridges, iPads, iPods, video game consoles, video game controllers, video games, GPS, cell phone hot spots, video camcorders, cameras and calculators to the school.

Capturing Kids Hearts is a national program that utilizes "Social Contracts" to empower students K-12 to be more socially responsible. The Sedona School District has adopted this program. Faculty and administrators are noticing a change in spirit in the student body. Staff, bus drivers, custodians, etc. receive training through this program. SedonaKind contributed funds and KIS will support the program in our reading. The national program has a method for monitoring results which can be used to determine future support.

The Charter School receives school supplies, hats and scarves. KIS hopes to read there but the reading program cannot be expanded all at once.

Pam said 1000 hats are needed. There are 748 students and principals, teachers and staff need to be included. Connie and Laurie offered to store them.

Gloria reported on Operation School Bell. Two outfits, considering dress codes and athletic shoes, were purchased for each homeless student. She expressed her appreciation for her fellow "Musketees", Cheri and Joy, and everyone involved including donors.

Joy said Operation School Bell took care of 14 of 24 potential families. She commended Gloria on a great job! Laurie offered to get glasses for students who need them from Dr. Serge Wright.

Lucy noted how accommodating Penney's was to the shoppers, and Joy passed around online surveys to thank them. They gave a generous discount, opened early and were very helpful.

A lot of jewelry has been donated to Charming, and Sandy will plan a sorting date soon.

A Box of Love was passed around. Let Cheri, Joy or Heather know if you want to make more. Brooches are needed.

Lenore displayed stunning Kindness Decorative Garden Stones she and Lucy designed as examples of 100 that will be made to be sold for \$75 each as a fund raiser. Monday, 10/21, help is needed to set up at Gandolfo Studio behind Red's. On subsequent days, volunteers will be needed to glue, grout and paint. Oct. 30 is suggested to be a SedonaKind/TSW "social" for 1st option to buy. The remainder will be sold to the public at Lenore's Gallery for Local Artists in VOC. She requested credit be given in the SedonaKind Newsletter to supplies donors. It was decided that sales to the public may be postponed until it is known how many garden stones remain.

Laurie requested volunteers to help with the Monthly Breakfast for Veterans at the Sedona Public Library on November 8. Needed are 6 casseroles serving 10-12, warming trays, link sausage, fruit bowls, and disposable plates, pitchers of ice water or tea. Mary Ellen and Cheri agreed to co-chair. Handmade Thank You cards made by Christine will be given to Veterans attending the breakfast.

SedonaKind week is November 11-15. "The First Grader" will be shown at The Mary Fisher Theatre with two showings (4pm & 7pm). The proceeds will go to local schools projects and activities.

Cheri and volunteer painters have the hearts ready for the Gratitude Trees to be put up around Thanksgiving. She hopes to add the Charter School, Oak Creek School and Haven to the locations. Both Lucy and Mary Ellen have trucks available to help move the trees.

Heather organized needs for Blessing Bags for the Veterans and passed around sign-up sheets. We will assemble the Blessing Bags at the October 18 meeting.

Joy noted that Bemba's is donating a minimum of 1000 socks to be given to needy people. They will go in the Blessing Bags and to other projects/organizations that help those in need.

Jawn is in charge of a Sedona Heritage Museum contest that involves making a gingerbread house. The first place winner will get the proceeds from the contest. Please contact Jawn McKinley if you would like to help decorate.

Joy closed with a kindness quote: "Kindness is seeing the best in others when they cannot see it in themselves". The meeting was adjourned.